

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Location: 3535 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

May 17, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Edwin Parker, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Jack Harris, Angela Machen, Richard St. Pierre, Don Thompson, Kenneth Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Felicia Lee, James Little

VACANT SEAT: Ascension Parish, East Feliciana Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Parker.
2. Roll Call (see above).
3. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
5. Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bailey, second by Hoover to approve the April 2022 regular meeting minutes.

6. Financial Statements

Bailey presented to the Board the April 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Machen to approve the April 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.

7. Amendment #1 - Administrative Budget of 2021-2022. Several line-items were amended in order to comply with the 10% of actual rule as required by the LLA. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Bailey to approve Amendment #1 of the Administrative Budget of 2021-2022, as presented.

8. Executive Director Report

- Comite River Diversion Canal Project Report as follows:
 - Discussed the May 9, 2022, Zoom meeting by DOTD on the progress of the CRCD Project.
 - Update from DOTD:
 - Real Estate Status-84 Acquired: 1 additional parcel requested under ROW Map update Project Management
 1. LA 964 100% awarded
 2. CMAR LA 67 100 % designs, construction contract executed
 3. CMAR LA 19 100% designs, construction contract under review for advanced work packages
- Inundation Map: At the April 19, 2022 ARBC Regular Board meeting, the Board approved \$25,000 for ESRI to move forward with the project. The motion should have been with CSRS, not ESRI. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Bailey to amend said motion from ESRI to CSRS.
- Other: The Board briefly discussed the status of HB 686.
- The board discussed the 1995 Amite River Flood Relief Study by C.E. Metrailler & Associates regarding building three low retention impact dams along the Middle Reach of the Amite River Basin in the general sand and gravel mining area. Periodically, they would remove the sediment from stilling basins as part of low dam design. Open land will be vegetated for open space and minimize silt transport. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Harris, second by Bailey to

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- authorize Rietschier to write a spec and to get a quote to do a feasibility study by combining the 1995 Amite River Flood Relief Study and the sediment traps as part of the design.
9. ARBC Legal Counsel: The Senate Finance Committee amended the Supplemental Appropriation Bill under the CPRA. One of the amendments to HB 592 is to pay \$5 million from the State General Fund (Direct) to the Implementation Program for the Amite River Basin Commission for the Amite River Basin Flood Risk Reduction Study.
 10. Old Business: None
 11. New Business: Nomination of ARBC Officers for 2022-2024: Parker informed the Board that ARBC Commissioners Little, St. Pierre, and Welborn wish to nominate the same 3 ARBC commissioners currently holding the office of the president, vice president and financial chairman. This will be discussed and voted on at the June 21, 2022 ARBC meeting at which time further nominations will be accepted for consideration.
 12. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by St. Pierre to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

APPROVED:

/s/ Edwin Parker, ARBC President
Date: 6/21/22

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary